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Subject: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

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Any comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

--Johan

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From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject: [HFSIG:1165] QPSK BANDWIDTH ? -Reply

Hi All.

I have made some pic's (jpg format) of my EVM interface. Interesting persons can email me for copies otherwise I will ask Johan to upload it to the web page for hf signal processing

73 danie
BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA

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Johan: it is important that all measurements be done on a linear channel -- ie: a class-C amplifier will significantly modify the spectrum of a DQPSK signal. A staggered-offset-QPSK (OQPSK, or SQPSK) signal will not be widened as badly as straight QPSK, but both will widen when limited or clipped.

Secondly, it is important that a PRBS (of sufficient length) be used to excite the filter, else you may get individual spectral lines showing through. If you have a repetitive pattern, the energy at the discrete spectral lines may confuse things. If your FFT is of short length, and thus it truncates the PRBS pattern, this may also lead to measurement error. Additionally, windowing of the FFT, and compensation of amplitude induced errors of the window may prove useful.

I beleive that x/sinc compensation is correct if you are filtering square-wavish pulses. If you are filtering impulses, then compensation is of course not necessary.

You should have -3 dB at the \pm half T points of the TX output spectrum regardless of the alpha factor, for a root-cosine transfer function that has been properly compensated. It then falls off faster past $\pm 1/2T$. At $\pm T$ there should be no output (filtered or not). However, it is common to have spectral leakage at $\pm 1/T$ due to feedthrough of the baud clock, and some effort may be needed to track this down. An alpha factor of 0.2 leads to some pretty wild ringing, and it's important to assure the dynamic range of everything is preserved. Also, a sufficient number of filter taps is needed to have good out-of-band rejection at an alpha factor of 0.2, I think about 33 taps were needed for my prototype in Excel to have adequate out of band rejection.

It sounds as though you are making excellent progress, and am glad to see you using root-cosine filters so that the emitted spectrum will be narrow. The root-cosine filter on receive will help assure good noise bandwidth of the receiver. Incidentally, the noise bandwidth of a root-cosine filter is independent of the alpha factor.

- Tom, N5EG

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From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject: Center freq for rtty ?

By the way...

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I am busy with a rtty dsp modem for the evm and is now wondering
about some of my earlier choices :-). From a DSP point of view would it
not be better to work around 800Hz ? I have used my PK232 with great
success in the past using my 500Hz CW filter on RTTY.

danie zs6awk

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On Mon, 3 Jun 1996, Danie Brynard wrote:

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> space)

Back when I did a little RTTY with my KAM, I found that it could copy RTTY much better if I used the LOWtones command. What this did was that instead of using the 2125Hz Mark with the Space shifted above that, it used the European "low_tones" in which the Space is 1275Hz and then the Mark is shifted above that. I think I also had to use the INVert command.

So perhaps you could implement these low tones.

73 de Pete
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Hi Danie,

The choice of 2125/2295 tone pair goes back a long way. It however, probably is not the best choice and you will find that the European standard specifies 1275/1445.

I dont know of any technical reason, besides IF and IF filters that makes one better than the other, besides some DSP algorithms that works better when you have more cycles of the waveform within a signaling element. You saw a lot of these kinds of technical arguments in the "old days" when folks used cassette tapes to store computer data.

Not sure this helps.

--Johan

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Hi Johan and Tom. I am not sure from your message who Tom might be! In any case, I think that the use of 2125/2975 hertz for rttty emanated from the first use of AFSK on sidband radios. The idea here was to place the tones as high in frequency as possible to avoid any harmonics from being radiated. The lower tones stand a chance that components will fall in the passband. There also were thoughts that the Q of 88 mHy inductors were larger at the higher frequencies. (that's all we had to work with then!)

Let me suggest that you check carefully with Bill DeCarle regarding any programs of his supposedly written for windows. It was our intent to keep things as simple as possible and windows is as far from that concept as could be imagined! Cliff Buttschardt W6HDO/K7RR

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Hi Cliff,

Thanks for the note on the high tones - I also built those 88mH demodulators way back - had a lot of fun!

About "windows" - I trust you mean windows like in Hamming or Blackman-Harris, not Microsoft? I use Bill's program under DOS and I suspect the anti-alias filter a little, otherwise, the program works reasonably well, just don't know whether he actually use a window, i.e., a raised cosine or such prior to the FFT. If not, its not a matter of life and death, just the spectrum is a little smeared due to Gibbs affects. That is what Tom McDermot, N5EG, was hinting at. He has written an excellent book on modems for the radio communications market, and I have had the pleasure to be a reviewer - the book will be out soon.

Trust you doing OK? Hows the plans for moving coming along?

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--Johan

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1165] QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

Johan,

Are you really testing with random data? From your description and from your results, it sounds like you're using repeating patterns.

You need to use random data and average your results over a fairly long interval.

Phil

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I suppose it depends on the radio. You should operate near the center of whatever passband you have to avoid the phase distortion that is invariably associated with sharp filters near cutoff.

Phil

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Tom,

Speaking of root raised cosine filters, would you be willing to design a few for me for use in my SQPSK modem? I have the code for your book, but I don't have Excel installed. I have the classic Parkes-McClellan FORTRAN code, but it doesn't seem to be readily adaptable to an arbitrary amplitude response.

I've been rewriting my modem code to use an arbitrary length FIR filter. At the moment I've kept the original 8-sample boxcar shape that was inherent in my earlier explicit integrate-and-dump implementation.

I'm using impulse signalling, so the transmit and receive filters can be the same. Give me a α of about 0.5 or so (enough to keep the energy at 1200 baud well within a typical SSB bandwidth). The baud rate is 1200, the sampling rate is 9600. Will a 33 tap filter be sufficient?

Phil

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Johan,

You might consider the approach I've taken for symbol timing in my satellite SQPSK (aka OQPSK) modem. Rather than extract symbol timing from the data, I do it in a one-shot fashion at the beginning of every packet with a modified Barker sync sequence. Since this is a packet modem with a bounded packet length, I know that my one-shot estimate should hold as long as the crystal clocks on the two ends are reasonably accurate.

For carrier recovery, I also start with a one-shot estimate taken from a carrier preamble, but because carrier frequency is more uncertain I use the preamble estimate to seed an a posteriori 4-phase Costas loop that updates the frequency from block to block.

The Costas loop used to work on raw symbols, but I just changed my code so that once symbol timing is established, the incoming samples are downconverted to DC, LP filtered, rate converted and complex sampled at 2x the baud rate using a fixed LO downconversion frequency derived from the carrier burst in the preamble.

Then the Costas loop only has to correct for the slow phase rotation ("slow" relative to the data rate) caused by any residual error in the preamble frequency estimation (plus any doppler). Although complex samples take more operations to process, I figure I probably save overall from the rate conversion from 9600 samples/sec to 2400. And I've already LP filtered, so I don't have to do that again.

I only need 2x sampling because of the I/Q symbol staggering; true QPSK would only require 1x sampling once symbol timing is established.

Phil

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1171] Re: Center freq for rtty ?

>I dont know of any technical reason, besides IF and IF filters that makes
>one better than the other, besides some DSP algorithms that works better
>when you have more cycles of the waveform within a signaling element. You

I've given this some thought recently, since I noticed some interesting artifacts in my SQPSK modem receive constellation. It's actually inherent in modulating a low frequency carrier with boxcar pulses.

I had chosen a carrier frequency of 1600 Hz and a baud rate of 1200, so there isn't an integral number of carrier cycles per symbol. So when I did a boxcar integrate-and-dump, the I and Q channels aren't perfectly orthogonal even when you have the carrier phase right. I believe this was contributing to about a 1dB implementation loss in my modem.

In the frequency domain, this effect shows up as the lower spectral sidelobes (for unfiltered BPSK) "wrapping around" DC and aliasing back up into the signal spectrum.

I verified my suspicions by testing at a carrier frequency of 2400 Hz, exactly 2x the baud rate. It got rid of these spectral artifacts by overlaying them in "safe" locations (or in the time domain, it ensured an integral number of carrier cycles per symbol integration time.)

But this is not a practical solution for two reasons. First, you can't guarantee that the receiver will get an incoming carrier at exactly 2400 bps, and secondly most SSB radios won't work that high anyway (the first null above the carrier would occur at 3600 Hz, well outside most SSB filters). I chose 1600 Hz in the first place precisely to center the signal spectrum in a typical SSB filter bandwidth.

So I've been rewriting my modem code to include FIR filters in the I and Q channels in both the transmit and receive data paths. With the appropriate filter response, the sidelobes should be low enough to prevent spectral wraparound and aliasing. Or in the time domain, the filter impulse should be small enough at the beginning and end of the symbol time (where the carrier phase transition takes place) to minimize the effect of the fractional carrier cycle in the sampled filter output.

Of course, another fix would be even "sweeter" -- using two product detectors in quadrature in the receiver and feeding complex audio samples to the modem. This would allow the modem to distinguish easily between positive and negative frequency components. Unfortunately, most SSB transceivers don't have quadrature audio outputs...

Phil

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From: "Eric E. Silbaugh" <silbaugh@apci.net>
Subject: Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?
Cc: HFSIG@tapr.org

Johan,

First let's ignore the differential encoding and raised cosine filtering. Straight QPSK at T bauds/sec should

have the classic $\sin(x)/x$ squared power spectrum with a main lobe width (null-to-null) of T Hz. What you consider the 'occupied' bandwidth of this signal depends on your definition; for now let's use the null-to-null bandwidth.

Now add raised cosine filtering. The frequency response of the RC filter (or composite of the RX and TX sqrt RC filters) will multiply the power spectrum of the original QPSK waveform to provide the resulting power spectrum. With a 0.2 rolloff, the ideal raised cosine spectrum will have a bandwidth of $1.2T$ Hz. The percent excess bandwidth is equal to the rolloff factor.

In the real world your filter can only approximate the ideal RC impulse response. Thus, the spectrum may not be identically zero beyond $0.6T$ Hz away from the carrier frequency. If your filter is a good approximation there should be little 'splatter' beyond $0.6T$ Hz.

The previous discussion assumed the data symbols were uncorrelated. Differential encoding adds some memory; which means your symbols may not be uncorrelated anymore. The power spectrum of a digitally modulated signal depends on the autocorrelation of the data. (see J. G. Proakis, M. Salehi 'Communication Systems Engineering,' p.537, Prentice-Hall, 1994) I think the effects of differential encoding on the spectrum should be minimal. It certainly should not change the major features of the spectrum.

$\sin(x)/x$ compensation effects should also be minimal, as long as your sampling rate is well above the Nyquist rate. Again, compensation should not change the major features of the spectrum.

All this is a very long way of saying a bandwidth of about $1.2T$ Hz (almost T Hz) should be expected for your RC filtered DQPSK signal of T baud/sec.

I cannot explain the discrete components you noted. How do you create the signal you feed into the FFT? How many baud periods do you use in the FFT'd signal? You will not get a good estimate of the average power spectrum from signals only a few baud long.

To estimate the power spectrum with more detail I would create a signal from several tens or hundreds of random bits (independent) and FFT this long signal. Yes this will require a long FFT, but it's just like turning down the resolution bandwidth of a spectrum analyzer. The spectral resolution of the FFT is inversely proportional to the time duration of the signal you transform (longer

times mean finer resolution).

To estimate the average power spectrum you will probably want to use the same signal and compute the periodogram. Just average the FFTs of shorter segments of the signal. The FFT segments can overlap, but should probably be an integer number of bauds in length. You will be trading off resolution for averaging. See any good DSP book for details.

No clue as to the suitability of your chosen rolloff factor. If it works I guess it's good enough! A factor of 0.2 seems to be a reasonable compromise from a bandwidth standpoint. How much amplitude fluctuation in the time-domain does the filtering add?

Hope this helps, sorry for the bandwidth!

Eric, N2NNP

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To: HFSIG@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Root raised cosine pulse shaping.

Hi Tom,

Well ... After fixing a killer bug, the root raised cosine pulse shaping now works like it is supposed to. The nicest, tightest constellation points that I have seen thus far and no problem with clock or carrier extraction either. Very nice eye patterns - I still have to implement pulse shaping filters in the receiver to gain all the good benefits due to bandwidth reduction. I am getting excellent results with a rolloff factor of 0.6.

Thanks for all the good hints.

--Johan

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...besides some DSP algorithms that works better when you have more cycles of the waveform within a signaling element.....

I see. Well I will try to implement both and see if there are any practical differences. I noted that Dave W3HCF is also using the high tones in his DSP-93 implementation. Dave any comments from your side ?

73 Danie zs6awk

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1179] Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

Eric,

An excellent writeup. One nit:

>cosine filetering. Straight QPSK at T bauds/sec should
>have the classic $\sin(x)/x$ squared power spectrum with a
>main lobe width (null-to-null) of T Hz. What you

Shouldn't that be 2T Hz from null to null? E.g., a 1200 baud (2400 bps) QPSK signal with carrier at 1600 Hz would have first nulls at 400 Hz and 2800 Hz.

Those damn factors of 2 are so easy to get wrong, especially when some of the textbooks talk about bits per sec and others talk about baud (2 bits/sym for QPSK)...

Phil

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: Jim Sanford <JSANFORD@INFI.NET>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1182] Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

Phil:

Have enjoyed following all the threads you're into . . .

A couple of points:

1. For what platform are you doing the OQPSK satellite modem? I have 2 dsp-12's and would love to beta test . . .
2. You made a comment about quadrature outputs from SSB receivers being nice but not available. I believe they will be, SOON. I'm working on a design using Analog Devices DDS's, Mini circuits DBM's, and Maxim's quadrature modulators/demodulators. This thing will initially be for HF, but easily mixed/redesigned for vhf/uhf. The plummeting cost of the silicon is making this cheaper by the day.

Intend to initially send I and Q to a "stereo" sound card for easy playing with the DSP, but baseband bandwidth on the Maxim demods is large enough that the design will not be limited to audio. Will gladly share details with you, when the prototype is done. Believe cost will be \$100 or so for the whole works.

This business is getting terribly exciting -- believe we are on the threshold of some great capabilities at significantly lower prices than Icom, et al, would have us believe. Thanks for all you've done for the state-of-the-art.

73, Jim
wb4gcs@amsat.org

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>Those damn factors of 2 are so easy to get wrong, especially when some
>of the textbooks talk about bits per sec and others talk about baud (2
>bits/sym for QPSK)...

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AMEN!!!!!!!

>Phil

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To: "'hfsig@tapr.org'" <hfsig@tapr.org>

Subject: RE: [HFSIG:1168] Center freq for rtty ?

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I was told that the reason for the high tones was to place the harmonics of the tone outside of the IF filter bandwidth. Improved filters and DSP make this unnecessary now.

Steve Sykes
KD2OM/A61AA

From: Danie Brynard[SMTP:BRYD@kidd.co.za]

Sent: Monday, June 03, 1996 12:30 PM

To: hfsig@tapr.org

Subject: [HFSIG:1168] Center freq for rtty ?

By the way...

Why was such high tones selected for RTTY ? (2125Hz mark, 2295Hz space) My hf rig shows much better response at 800 to 1000Hz. Would it not be better to implement the channel filters for a RTTY DSP modem around say 800Hz ?

I am busy with a rtty dsp modem for the evm and is now wondering about some of my earlier choices :-). From a DSP point of view would it not be better to work around 800Hz ? I have used my PK232 with great success in the past using my 500Hz CW filter on RTTY.

danie zs6awk

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--Johan

At 01:55 PM 5/23/96 -0500, you wrote:

>At 07:22 AM 5/23/96 -0500, you wrote:

>> Steve,

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>> Where do you find this great stuff???

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>The best way to keep up with what's new with Linux is to read the
>comp.os.linux.announce newsgroup. There's also a web site that archives
>them, the URL is <http://www.cs.helsinki.fi/%7Ewirzeniu/linux/cola.html>.

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>Otherwise, I don't watch a lot of TV. I'd much rather read and experiment :-).

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>73,

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> - Steve, N7HPR

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Tom, Phil and Eric,

Much thanks for the excellent ideas and feedback.

I do suspect that some of the spectral lines I'm seeing with my QPSK
signal is due to the nature of the cyclic patterns that is being sent. I'll
work on a PRBS generator as suggested.

Clock and carrier extraction is a fascinating subject and I'll certainly

look at Phil's ideas. For this HF modem, the symbol rate is so low that FFT's and all sort of things alike may be put to good use, and I'll get to that shortly. The main thing though is that HF is not too friendly to true synchronous detection methods - the key to success is to go for robustness in algorithm design. I think I have some ideas based on robustness (in the statistical sense) that seem work reasonably well, but need to be put through the wringer.

I have been looking at epoch synch methods but was seeing enough drift even with two similar sound cards over a few seconds of signal. However, over a frame duration of a second or two, I suspect epoch sync may just work out fine.

Keep up the good work.

--Johan

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Hi Jim,

Sounds interesting. Would you care to elaborate more?

I am sort of midway in a project building a VHF/UHF digital receiver for satellite work. It uses a CATV tuner for the RF front-end which has a 45MHz IF, 20 MHz A/D fed into a Harris DDC that feeds I/Q outputs into a stereo CODEC connected to a EZ-kit (ADSP-2181). I use an AD7008 DSS and a PLL for frequency control.

I thought I would stay away from HF for a while until I learn a bit more about the RF digital dynamic range, AGC, and it's affects. Guess there is a lot to learn.

On Tue, 4 Jun 1996, Jim Sanford wrote:

> Phil:
> Have enjoyed following all the threads you're into . . .
>
> A couple of points:
> 1. For what platform are you doing the OQPSK
> satellite modem? I have 2 dsp-12's and would love to
> beta test . . .
> 2. You made a comment about quadrature outputs
> from SSB receivers being nice but not available. I believe
> they will be, SOON. I'm working on a design using
> Analog Devices DDS's, Mini circuits DBM's, and Maxim's
> quadrature modulators/demodulators. This thing will initially
> be for HF, but easily mixed/redesigned for vhf/uhf.
> The plummeting cost of the silicon is making this cheaper
> by the day.

I would be interested to see what sideband rejection you're going to get.
Don't be disappointed if it's only about 40 dB.

> > Intend to initially send I and Q to a "stereo" sound card for
> easy playing with the DSP, but baseband bandwidth on the
> Maxim demods is large enough that the design will not be
> limited to audio. Will gladly share details with you, when
> the prototype is done. Believe cost will be \$100 or so for
> the whole works.
>
> This business is getting terribly exciting -- believe we are on
> the threshold of some great capabilities at significantly lower
> prices than Icom, et al, would have us believe. Thanks for al

--Johan, KC7WW

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From: "Alberto di Bene (xx39-2-596.25744)" <dibene@VNET.IBM.COM>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject: Tom's books

> For those that might be wondering what this is about; I have been
> exploring some of the materials in Tom's soon-to-be-released book on
> modem design. The section on pulse shaping is particularly good and

Now you got me curious... any chance to have the title and ISBN of that
book ? Thanks.

Alberto di Bene, I2PHD

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To: Stephan Sykes <ssykes@ns2.emirates.net.ae>
cc: Bill DeCarle <bill@ietc.ca>, hfsig@tapr.org
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HI All. I was one of probably many that indicated that the high tones were used to keep harmonics down when using AFSK in SSB rig. Indeed, nowadays there is no reason to use such high tones and commercially, those higher tones are obsolete! We used such high frequencies as we simply duplicated telephone channel filters in which 3 KHz was the upper limit. Not a one of us knew enough about filter design to change the system!

I fully concur with the use of 800 Hz as a center frequency. All of Bill DeCarle's work is centered there as is all my filter designs. It seems a good selection although a short time ago I was thumping for 500 Hertz as it would have made synthesizer design simpler...I lost!!

Danie- I have no way of knowing what you said in the Winmail portion of your note. Can't cope with that! sorry Cliff Buttschardt W6HDO/K7RR

On Tue, 4 Jun 1996, Stephan Sykes wrote:

> I was told that the reason for the high tones was to place the harmonics of
> the tone outside of the IF filter bandwidth. Improved filters and DSP make
> this unnecessary now.

>

> Steve Sykes
> KD2OM/A61AA

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> From: Danie Brynard[SMTP:BRYD@kidd.co.za]
> Sent: Monday, June 03, 1996 12:30 PM
> To: hfsig@tapr.org
> Subject: [HFSIG:1168] Center freq for rtty ?

>

> By the way...

>

> Why was such high tones selected for RTTY ? (2125Hz mark, 2295Hz
> space) My hf rig shows much better response at 800 to 1000Hz. Would
> it not be better to implement the channel filters for a RTTY DSP modem
> around say 800Hz ?

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> I am busy with a rtty dsp modem for the evm and is now wondering
> about some of my earlier choices :-) From a DSP point of view would it
> not be better to work around 800Hz ? I have used my PK232 with great
> success in the past using my 500Hz CW filter on RTTY.
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In-reply-to: <199606041101.HAA13762@mh004.infi.net> (message from Jim Sanford on Tue, 4 Jun 1996 06:10:36 -0500 (CDT))

Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1183] Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

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> 1. For what platform are you doing the OQPSK
> satellite modem? I have 2 dsp-12's and would love to
> beta test . . .

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The platform is a generic 486 or Pentium PC running my KA9Q NOS TCP/IP package. The modem will be integrated in as an interface driver for a SoundBlaster 16 card *without* any special DSP chips.

Your work with the 'digital friendly' receiver sounds very interesting! I do hope that whatever you come up with can be easily replicated by the average amateur -- in my experience, that's where many promising amateur hardware projects fall down. It's the main reason I've become so interested in using mass-market PC hardware to the greatest possible extent, doing everything else in software. But there are definite limits to the available hardware (particularly in the radios) so your work is most welcome. I agree, this stuff ought not to be as expensive and complicated as it seems to be.

At Dayton I looked at some of the companies selling after-market

crystal filters for commercial SSB transceivers with an eye toward modifying them for wider baseband bandwidths. Ideally I'd like a ~20 KHz bandwidth so I could fully utilize the A/D bandwidth of a PC sound card. I could even create a new "IF" at, say, 10 KHz and do my final "product detection" in DSP software.

The guy behind the Fox-Tango table, being used to selling very sharp and narrow crystal filters for HF contest and DX use, couldn't figure out why in the world I would want to make my rig go *wider*. Ah, the "narrowband mindset" seems pretty well entrenched. :-)

Phil

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
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Gee, I thought that the use of 2125/2975 Hz for AFSK tones in the old days was related to running AFSK RATT on 2-meters "AM" (and then eventually FM). Tuning the AFSK generator and TU filters to the proper frequencies was done using standard tuning forks and lisajous (spelling?) patterns on an oscilloscope. Standard landline VFCT (Voice Freq Carrier Telegraph) systems (as I recall) were set up with 85-Hz channels and the tools (i.e., tuning forks) were around for tuning such things... Thus the harmonic relationships of the old 2125/2975 tones to these tuning fork standards were important...

My first 2-meter RATT setup used an ARC-5/T-23 surplus aircraft radio modulated by an Eico 730K modulator. The RATT gear was a Model 19 with a W2JAV TU (the one with four neon bulbs on the front).... The receiver was the 417A converter that was popular in the early 1960's for Project OSCAR...

Larry, WA6JYJ/7

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Title: Wireless Digital Communications: Design and Theory

By: Tom McDermott, N5EG

ISBN: 0-9644707-2-1

Anticipated price will be \$39.00

With luck it will be available from TAPR the end of August/first of Sept. Tom is currently doing small technical corrections and the proof-reader is working over grammar issues. I get those elements and then with luck we go to the printers.

I think there is a web page already on the tapr web server under publications. If it isn't there -- then I have it ready, but haven't put it up yet,. Has a complete index...that is if it is up.

This has been a year and a half project. Will be glad to get it finished.

Cheers - Greg, WD5IVD

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> Now you got me curious... any chance to have the title and ISBN of that
> book ? Thanks.
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> 73 de
> Alberto di Bene, I2PHD
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From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject: [HFSIG:1191] RE: Center freq for rtty -Reply

Larry now that is interesting. Thanks for the bit of history.

danie

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Subject: Sine wave PROM
To: hfsig@tapr.org
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I am trying to locate information on generating sine wave data for a
EEPROM. I had an article (Radio Electronics) describing this by using
a C program to generate the data. However, I can't find the article.

Can someone help with this problem?

73s de
Tony, KE4ATO

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: "Eric E. Silbaugh" <silbaugh@apci.net>
Subject: Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

Phil,

Good nit! Fourier is probably turning in his grave.

I was visualizing the spectra at baseband, wrote about it as
RF modulated, and forgot to multiply the bandwidths by two.
Arrrggh! Thus, the first null in a QPSK signal of T baud will

be T Hz away from the carrier; the main lobe width is $2T$ Hz; and the bandwidth with raised cosine filtering, rolloff factor of 0.2, will be $2.4T$ Hz.

Did I get it right this time?

Eric, N2NNP

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Hi folks,

Another thought/question on pulse shaping for HF;

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Unfortunately, however, the pulse shaping procedure forces part of the pulse beyond the $\pm T$ mark, to go negative, which, combined with a bit of jitter introduced by the channel effects, causes the channel that is supposed to be zero, to an off-zero value. These uncertainties are further aggravated that this error in the zero value, changes fairly rapidly in the vicinity of the sampling point. It would have been nice if things around the zero transition were a bit more stable.

Now, if I were to use another shape function like Dolph-Chebyshev, or the Blackman-Harris shape for minimum sidelobes, instead of raised cosines, I would not have true nyquist pulses - the tradeoff is a some of ISI, however, wouldn't the result be more robust against this jitter problem as described above. I.e., wouldn't the tradeoff between ML detection and robustness for clock/carrier extraction, which is more crucial, make sense?

Comments or suggestions would be appreciated.

--Johan, KC7WW

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>I was visualizing the spectra at baseband, wrote about it as
>RF modulated, and forgot to multiply the bandwidths by two.
>Arrrgggh! Thus, the first null in a QPSK signal of T baud will
>be T Hz away from the carrier; the main lobe width is 2T Hz;
>and the bandwidth with raised cosine filtering, rolloff factor
>of 0.2, will be 2.4T Hz.

>Did I get it right this time?

Almost. The null-to-null bandwidth of 2T Hz looks right, but with raised cosine filtering the bandwidth will be *less* than the unfiltered null-to-null bandwidth.

Phil

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1196] Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

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>the set {1,0 -1,0 0,1 0,-1 for I/Q}.

Well, you can use any convention you like, but the usual one is to
signal with the set { (a,a), (-a,a), (-a,-a), (a,-a) } with $a=\sqrt{2}$
times the signal magnitude and with the detectors looking
independently at the I and Q components. That is, since I and Q are
(ideally) orthogonal the I detector simply produces 1 or -1 (or a soft
decision sample somewhere in this range) without caring what is going
on in the Q channel. And vice versa.

This particular constellation is used by the 4-phase costas loop,
which will drive the I and Q components to equal amplitude. You can of
course use the constellation you described, but then you have to
rotate your decision regions so they're no longer aligned with the I
and Q axes.

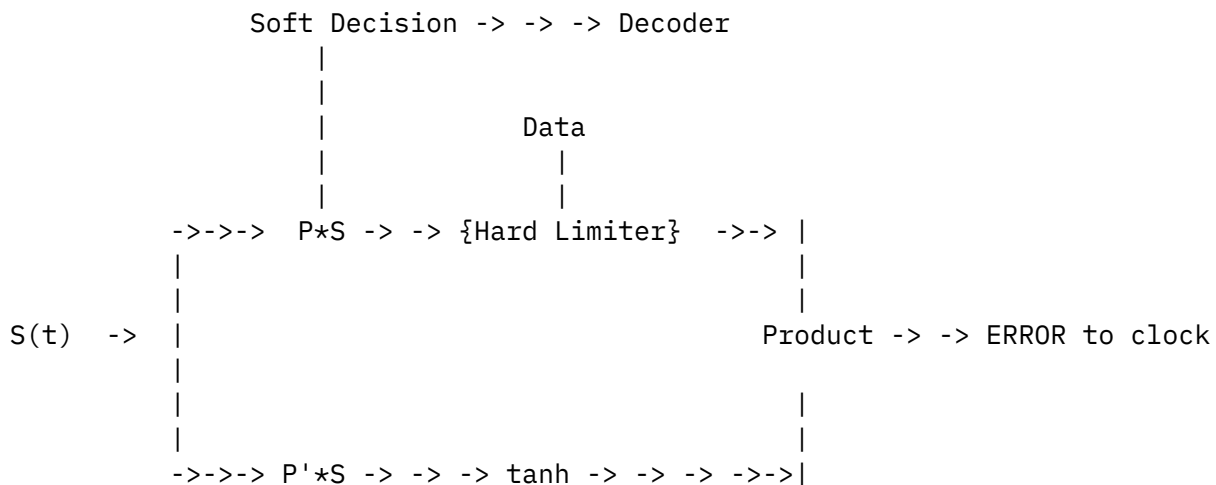
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A good approximation to the ML detector for clock AND data together is what
you need Johan. Take the final pulse shape (sampled) and its derivative
(Guess at this or approximate it. If it is raised cosine, you may compute
it). Call these signals $P(i)$ and $P'(i)$, $i = -n, -(n-1), \dots, 0, 1, 2, \dots$
 $(n-1), n$ respectively. Suppose for this exercise that you have an approximate
time for the CENTER (the sampling time) for the I and Q channel bauds.

At the putative sampling time t , compute $P*S(t)$ and $P'*S(t)$. That is, convolve the pulse shape, and its derive with the baseband signal S and do it for S from the I and Q channel. The SIGN of the $P*S$ is the guessed at symbol and $SIGN(P*S(t))*tanh [P'*S(t)] = ERROR$ signal to be multiplied by the gain which will determine your "loop bandwidth". If you are running a first order loop for clock, this signal (gain*ERROR) is applied to the phase of your clock and then you march along to the next symbol time. This is MUCH more robust, stable, etc, than using clock edges, or zero crossings, and so long as you have the pulse shape "about right", even ISI, jitter, does not disturb you much. This was proposed a long time ago, before the advent of DSP devices by Umberto Mengali. It was proven by yours truly that this converges under certain conditions which are near to reality to the maximum likelihood estimator.

A diagram of this might be more useful to nonmathematicians ;=):



The obvious way of combining this for each channel would be to average, or in the case of staggered, run the clock at two times the individual symbol rate and alternate the channels feeding the clock. You may run this as a second order phase locked loop if you believe the clock frequency is also unstable. I used this to derive clock for a really noisy signal from Venus (VEGA Balloon probe). STAY AWAY FROM CLOCK EDGES in a really good modem. Implement the $tanh$ with a table look up and/or some approximation that you find useful. The major condition is that the pulse shape in a idealized channel has zero's at the baud time for neighboring bauds. I have found it to be quite robust. I use Passband equalization whenever possible. The two possible outputs for data depends on whether or not there is error correction coding that needs soft decisions. You will pay larger than a 2 dB penalty to use the hard decision tap for your decoder on HF channels should you decide to go that way. There are other forms of this, but this one is one of the easiest to implement.

Bob

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From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1199] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

Hi Bob,

Thanks for sharing your ideas - also welcome to HFSIG.

At 10:00 AM 6/7/96 -0500, you wrote:

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>A good approximation to the ML detector for clock AND data together is what
>you need Johan.

I suspect you are right. The question that have been on my mind lately
regards how much of the ideas that we commonly use for synchronous
demodulation is worth implementing on HF. As an example, I have been playing
with a low baudrate QPSK demodulator over the last few weeks where most of
the clock and carrier extraction ideas are based on robust non-synchronous
measures. I have had some encouraging results, but everything is not quite
working either. The ideas are based roughly on the following two guidelines:

- 1) Do clock extraction first because
 - a) The middle of the baud is where the signal has most energy and there is
best phase stability (stay away from the transition zones).
 - b) Attempt carrier extraction **only** during this stable period.
- 2) Decision-directed carrier extraction - preferably not based on PLL's or Costas loops.

On the latter subject; I have played and struggled with various ideas - what

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>Venus (VEGA Balloon probe). STAY AWAY FROM CLOCK EDGES in a really good
>modem.

I guess we agree that the usual synchronous demodulation ideas needs careful rethinking.

>Implement the tanh with a table look up and/or some approximation
>that you find useful. The major condition is that the pulse shape in
>a idealized channel has zero's at the baud time for neighboring bauds.

Would it thus be an advantage to use such a shaping function; I do know that the Dolph-chebycheff and Blackman-Harris shapes, for example, was designed for that.

>I have found it to be quite robust. I use Passband equalization whenever
>possible.

How is this done? using adaptive FIR structures? does this require some kind of training sequence?

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Pardon if I seem too inquisitive and ask too many dumb questions.

--Johan, KC7WW

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I'm just starting with DSP and thought (after creating some CW FIR filters) that I'd try to implement a 1200 baud packet TNC on the EZ-KIT Lite.

I had assumed that implementing the modulation side of this was going to be easy but I've run into a major hurdle that I can't figure out.

Generating the NRZI data and modulating it as a continuous phase FSK audio signal was easy. I have set up the DSP program so that it reads KISS packets from the RS-232 port and then generates the FSK. However, if I put the audio from the Kit into either my KAM or Tiny-2 neither of them will decode a packet. I tried this with passall on so that even if the CRC were bad they should print something out - but they don't. In both cases their DCD LED does come on while the packet audio is present so they're seeing something. (BTW - I have used a frequency counter to check the frequency and stability of the generated tones and of the data bit rate and they're bang on).

Next step was that I wrote two programs on my Amiga. One samples the parallel port (I called this program "scope") and the other (called "nrzi") takes the results from "scope" and decodes it back to the original data bits (and if the CRC is OK it also attempts to print the AX25 header).

I connect the NRZI digital output of the TNC's modem (3105) into the parallel port and "scope" samples this at any rate I choose.

If I play the DSP audio into the TNC and sample its modem's NRZI output, "nrzi" decodes it with no problem. But, if I look at the RS-232 output of the TNC itself it doesn't send the content of the packet to the computer.

The bit that really throws me is that if I connect the TNC to the audio from my radio and then run "scope" and "nrzi" on what the TNC hears, the "nrzi" program decodes "real" packets without any trouble too and this is using exactly the same sampling rates as I used to sample the audio from the DSP.

The fact that I can decode the NRZI output from the TNC modem eliminates several possible problems such as incorrect audio tones and the fact that

the "nrzi" program can decode "real" packets using the modem's NRZI output suggests that the timing is also correct.

I'm lost. I know this is "back to basics" for most of you but has anyone any idea where I can start looking for the problem?

73 de Pete
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I'm no expert, so I'll defer to someone else to explain further...

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On Sat, 8 Jun 1996, Michael Westfall wrote:

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That's all in there Mike because:

- (a) I know they are in the DSP program.
- (b) My "nrzi" program which decodes the signals not only decodes mine correctly from the DSP but it also correctly decodes real packets off the air. So my DSP has to be generating the flags and bit-stuffing otherwise the "nrzi" program wouldn't decode it.

Thanks for the reply.

73 de Pete
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From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>

Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1201] Stuck at the beginning

Hi Pete,

My two cent's worth:

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Have you looked at the audio levels going to the real TNC when you try your
DSP signal source? Perhaps they are overdriving the TNC. TNC's are quite
sensitive to the level and the fact that you see DCD comes on may not mean
too much. Perhaps some form of level adjustment may help. Otherwise, I would
definitely listen to that audio with an amplified speaker or scope and
determine whether is clean and without hum.

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Looks like you are well on your way.

--Johan

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I have checked that out and it doesn't make any difference. I wasn't sure that it should because the signal that "nrzi" sees is what the modem has decoded from the audio input. If the audio were overdriving the modem then I would expect the program to see that as errors in the nrzi bitstream coming out of the modem but "nrzi" has no trouble decoding the bitstream.

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> defininately listen to that audio with an amplified speaker or scope and
> determine whether is clean and without hum.

I have listened to the audio and it sounds exactly like the packets I hear on the air. I haven't got a scope but I'm going to try to borrow one to have a look at the nrzi bitstream from the TNC's modem. Perhaps there are subtle timing differences which don't show up due to the nature of my sampling program.

Thanks Johan.

Pete

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1200] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

While the usual methods for extracting timing were designed for continuous streams of bits, I point out that just about all of our applications now involve packetized data of one sort or another. So that opens up some alternative methods for timing extraction, like a one-shot scheme based on a sync vector in the front of the packet.

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It is true that nearly all communications nowadays have some form of header that allows for this kind of one-shot sync. Could you tell us a bit more about the sync vector that you are now using. I did follow some discussion a while ago about your explorations for a suitable sync vector.

I now have reasonable clock and data extraction working, but I am working on extending the code to look for a sync vector. Although transmission of the main data stream is DQPSK, I use ordinary DPSK for the sync vector. I'll do as you suggest - obtain and set the clock at that point it recognises the sync vector. My observations have been that there is a fraction of a bit's worth slippage across my packets - not too much to be of concern.

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The project has been a lot of fun but sure burns time and effort.
However, I'm learning a lot too.

--Johan

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Well, I haven't settled on a final vector yet, but at the moment I'm using a 26-bit vector constructed from the 13-bit Barker code (the longest-known binary Barker code) with each bit Manchester encoded. I.e., a "1" becomes "10" and a "0" becomes "01".

This does several things. It adds energy to the total vector, making

it easier to spot reliably, and it also adds two negative sidelobes right next to the main positive lobe. In radar where you don't have polarity information and are forced to look at signal envelopes, this would be a big drawback. But this is actually an advantage to me since

I already have signal polarity from the carrier preamble, and the negative sidelobes "sharpen" the main lobe, making it less likely for me to lock one (or more) samples off the center of the main lobe.

I've simulated this vector pretty heavily and it seems adequate at the nominal modem Eb/N0 of 3dB, but I wouldn't mind a little more margin.

Phil

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At 11:49 PM 6/12/96 -0500, you wrote:

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I follow - interesting that SQPSK has that anomaly. I was going to ask
whether you are using a scrambler as that would reduce the recurrence of
such a pattern, but your convolutional coding and interleaver will probably
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I played with a decision-directed scheme for a while that, at the middle of
the symbol, found the closest constellation point, and then determines

whether the received constellation needed to be rotated clockwise or anti-clockwise. When the set of constellation points were $\{(1\ 0), (0\ -1), (-1\ 0), (0\ -1)\}$, then either I or Q needed to be zero. One could then use this non-zero offset as an (magnitude, direction) error estimate to be used for loop control. This worked wonderfully until I started using RC pulse shaping - the zero-crossing transitions for the RC pulses just played havoc. At that point I switched to the extended Costas loop that took care of it, however, as you said in an earlier posting, that type of loop drives I and Q maximal and in my case, the transmitted and received constallations are offset by a constant 45 degrees. That does not bother differential coding as long as it is a stable lock, which is the case. I find that I can start the demodulator midst of a random data sequence, obtain and hold lock - even for 33 second packets.

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Let us know the outcome - I'm curious.

--Johan

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From: zs6awk@global.co.za (Danie Brynard)
Subject: re pos of filter vs nyquist

I have been playing around with simulations to see if the position of a FIR filter is important relative to the Nyquist frequency. Thus if I have a BPF of say arbitrary passband and stopband does it matter where I place this filter in the frequency range 0Hz to Fnyquist Hz ? ($F_{nyq} = F_s/2$)

According to my simulations it does not matter but I am not convinced. In the analog world the rule is: the higher the frequency the more difficult it is to make the same BPF.

Is wordlength or calculation precision perhaps the answer ? Is the number of cycles per unit time of the wanted signal perhaps the answer ?

Could somebody give me a 'gut-feel' answer ? In other words a layman explanation why it does/does not matter where one puts the filter.

I hope I explained myself well enough. Looking forward to all the interesting replies :-)

73 danie zs6awk@global.co.za

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Johan,

I have not been able to monitor this group for some time, just trying to catch up, when I saw your reference to me. Even though I doubt I would have some information which not you and Phil already knows (I am very impressed of both of you being able to give the rest of us elaborate responses to our various questions, comments and ideas). This probably also goes for several silent readers of this group.

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The parallel tone modes within MIL-STD-188-110A use a special doppler correction tone, which will run continuously. It is the lowest tone in both modes (605 Hz for the 16-tone mode and 393.75 Hz for the 39-tone mode). It is only used for doppler correction, thus enabling the DSP to adjust the frequency offset for all data tones up or down correspondingly before symbol demodulation.

Both modes use BDPSK and QDPSK (depending on the data rate selected). At the lower data rates DPSK and in-band diversity combining are used. The 39-tone mode also use interleavers. Since only differential encoding is used the symbol decoding problem is more or less eliminated (I don't think it is possible to extract a carrier phase for one tone and use it for any other tone).

The protocol uses an initial preamble. The 39-tone mode use a 3-part preamble of different data tones all-in-all 23 signal elements (An extended preamble uses 97 signal elements). The data to be sent is divided into blocks. Each data block starts with a block sync. The block length depends on interleaver depth and data rate selected. A transmission is ended with an End-of-message sequence.

I think it would be a good idea to include a superb feature defined in the serial tone mode of the MIL-STD-188-110A, namely the Autobaud function. Within the initial preamble (and the re-occurring preamble enabling re-sync) the data rate and interleaver setting is encoded. This enables a receiving modem to automatically make the correct parameter setting and receive the message. The transmitting modem can by itself decide upon the most suitable data rate/interleaver depth. This makes it e.g. possible to easily construct adaptive ARQ schemes.

The trend in Europe and the U.S. seems to go from parallel tone modems to serial tone modems. They are more tricky to construct (including adaptive channel equalizers) but they show better performance because of their better utilization of the available channel (a sort of narrow-band SS, really). Though recent Australian studies (DSTO) using parallel tone modems together with trellis coding claims to perform better than serial tone modems.

For what it's worth...

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From: Jim Sanford <JSANFORD@INFI.NET>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1190] Re: QPSK BANDWIDTH ?

Phil

Forgive the long delay . . . the cost of my job which takes me
to sea . . .

Your comment about filters is part of why I'm hoping to do the thing
with simple chips and do ALL filtering in DSP. Of course, Ulrich Rhode
will remind me that a "ROOFING" filter would improve s/n in the IF . . .

Goal is acceptable performance at low cost and ease of duplication. I'm
hoping to turn this project into a kit for our club . . .

At 03:22 PM 6/4/96 -0500, you wrote:

>> 1. For what platform are you doing the OQPSK
>>satellite modem? I have 2 dsp-12's and would love to
>>beta test . . .

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>The platform is a generic 486 or Pentium PC running my KA9Q NOS TCP/IP
>package. The modem will be integrated in as an interface driver for a
>SoundBlaster 16 card *without* any special DSP chips.

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>Your work with the 'digital friendly' receiver sounds very
>interesting! I do hope that whatever you come up with can be easily
>replicated by the average amateur -- in my experience, that's where
>many promising amateur hardware projects fall down. It's the main
I absolutely agree...

>reason I've become so interested in using mass-market PC hardware to
>the greatest possible extent, doing everything else in software. But
>there are definite limits to the available hardware (particularly in
>the radios) so your work is most welcome. I agree, this stuff ought
>not to be as expensive and complicated as it seems to be.
I've been somewhat against using stuff in a PC because I hate the thought
of tying up a PC for a single function, but you've got a GREAT point
about the cost of mass market hardware vs anything for the much smaller
ham market. And, as costs of PC's drop

I'm already dedicating a 486/overdrive to the pacsats, so, what's another
cheap 486 on the network . . . <grin>

Thanks again for all you've done....73, Jim
wb4gcs

>The guy behind the Fox-Tango table, being used to selling very sharp
>and narrow crystal filters for HF contest and DX use, couldn't figure

>out why in the world I would want to make my rig go *wider*. Ah, the
>"narrowband mindset" seems pretty well entrenched. :-)
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From: zs6awk@global.co.za (Danie Brynard)
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:868] Re: DSP Tools

Phil is there perhaps a book that you can suggest if one wants to read more
about the inner working of the 486 and Pentuim and also on real-time
programming of it in assembler ? Something perhaps like 'asm programming on
the Pentuim for beginners' :-)

I am hooked onto the Motorola DSP56xxx family but is interested in your ideas..

danie zs6awk
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>At 06:22 PM 2/8/96 -0600, you wrote:

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>>As for DSP development platforms. Both TI (www.ti.com) and Motorola
>>(www.motorola.com) have inexpensive DSP Starter Kits (DSK) (TI) or
>>Evaluation Modules (EVM) (Motorola). The TI C5X DSK (p/n TMDS3200051) costs
>>\$99.00 and the Motorola EVM560002 costs \$149.00. I own the later and have
>>the former on order.
>
>Don't forget that you can do serious DSP on general purpose computers without
>a DSP board. Pentiums and the faster 486s rival many dedicated DSPs, especially
>on floating point computations.
>
>Phil
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Well, the standard Intel programmer's references are pretty good. They tell you all you really need to know to optimize DSP code on the Pentium, such as instruction clock counts and considerations on how to keep the pipelines full.

Phil

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Hi all,

Over the weekend I did a few performance tests on my PC-Sound Blaster based DSP RTTY modem (BTL), and compared it with my PK232MBX. Here's the results. Any comments welcome.

	PK232MBX	BTL Ver 0.2
1 Noise performance: Eb/No for BER=10 ⁻²	15dB	12dB
2 Adjacent channel rejection (+500Hz 98 baud RTTY)		
2a For 3dB rise in 10 ⁻² Eb/No:		
Square pulse interferer	9dB	30dB
Raised cosine pulse interferer	-	32dB
2b For clean wanted signal, 10 ⁻² BER:		
Square pulse interferer	16dB	32dB

Observations:

1. The BER taken includes errors due to both sync errors and data bit errors. For both modems relative contributions were about 50-50.
If a bit synchronous mode were used rather than asynchronous baudot, BER would be half. My measurements show this is equivalent to a 1dB improvement in E_b/N_0 for both modems.
2. Two different interferer types were used. Both were phase continuous FSK, 98 baud baudot, centred 500Hz above the wanted signal (wanted 1275/1445, interferer 1775/1945) Standard RTTY has a square pulse shape resulting in high adjacent channel power. (-30dB @ 500Hz) This limited measurements (and is a real on air limit too) However I tried shaping the interfering FSK pulses with raised cosine edges (shaped 64 of 82 samples). ACP was reduced to -45dB @ 500Hz. Using this interferer, the true performance of the modem could be determined. This shaping reduced the interference RMS level to 72% and this was taken into account.

The minimum signal level without interference was found to be 1 ADC step peak to peak, with dithering from the noise of almost 3 ADC steps peak-peak. (signals were calculated in 16 bits then quantised to 8 bits to allow noise dithering). At this level performance was still 12dB E_b/N_0 @ BER 10^{-2} . This minimum signal level was 44dB below the interference level used above. Thus quantisation was not a limiting factor in the above measurements. Lower levels were possible but E_b/N_0 was worsened and quantisation boundaries became significant.

Measurement Technique:

1. E_b/N_0 measurements

Sampling rate was 8KHz

The signal was 45 baud Baudot, phase continuous AFSK, 1275Hz space and 1445Hz mark (170Hz shift). RMS to peak ratio = 0.71

The noise was generated by a 24bit maximum length PRN generator (poly=0x8D0000), doing 8 shifts per sample to get an 8 bit uniform random noise source. RMS to peak ratio of a uniform random noise source = 0.58

I have assumed a uniform distribution is OK since after bandpass filtering and integration the noise distribution approaches gaussian. (roughly speaking, the noise is averaged over the bit period, ie 178 samples, making the noise gaussian by summation)

For Eb/No calculations I have used the RMS levels at the 8kHz sample rate.

Peak-peak levels of signal=45 and noise=128 becomes 12db Eb/No thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eb/No} &= 20 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{(45/2 \cdot 0.71)}{(128/2 \cdot 0.58)} \right) \\ &\quad + 10 \cdot \log_{10}(4000 \text{ Hz}) - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(45 \text{ BPS}) \\ &= 12.2 \text{ dB} \end{aligned}$$

2. Adjacent channel measurements

The signals are described above.

The interferer baud rate of 98 baud was chosen to try to avoid synchronisation between the wanted and interferer so errors would appear more random, hopefully giving a more accurate BER. However it does make the interferer wider, but pulse shaping dealt with that. This may not be the best method.

Results are given for two different cases. 1. For a 3dB rise in the Eb/No required for 10^{-2} BER, and 2. The interference level that gives a BER of 10^{-2} when the wanted signal is clean. These figures show respectively the degradation in weak signal performance, and the maximum tolerable adjacent channel signal level when the wanted signal is clean.

So, 12dB Eb/No doesn't sound all that hot, does it? But is this what should be expected for FSK without ECC? Eb/No would be 11dB if a bit synchronous mode was used. These are for a BER of 10^{-2} .

Cheers,

Rob

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FYI, more about offset QPSK vs conventional QPSK.

It looks as though the advantages of staggered (offset) QPSK are outweighed by the disadvantages, so I've switched to straight QPSK.

There are two main advantages of offset QPSK: 1) less envelope droop when the signal is bandlimited, which turns into less sideband regrowth when the signal is nonlinearly amplified, and 2) less crosstalk between channels when the carrier phase reference is inaccurate.

I originally chose SQPSK for reason #2; I don't really care too much about #1 since I am going to operate in a power-controlled regime where I assume there'll be a fair amount of transmit headroom most of the time, hence plenty of linearity. And even if there were sideband regrowth it wouldn't be as important a source of interference since I'm already operating at very low S/N ratios thanks to power control and coding.

But it turns out that the crosstalk resistance of SQPSK is largely mitigated by greatly increased pattern-sensitive jitter in the carrier recovery system. In other words, although SQPSK has increased carrier phase jitter tolerance, it inherently increases the jitter of the recovered carrier which squanders the improved performance.

I couldn't find a precise quantitative formulation for this, but from what I saw it looks like any gains SQPSK might have (especially at the very low E_s/N_0 s I'm using) are small or even negative. And the last straw was that SQPSK is harder to implement than straight QPSK. So I've switched to straight QPSK.

Phil

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>I follow - interesting that SQPSK has that anomaly. I was going to ask
>whether you are using a scrambler as that would reduce the recurrence of
>such a pattern, but your convolutional coding and interleaver will probably
>have the same effect to randomize the pattern.

Re the anomaly I described (certain data patterns killing the SQPSK
phase detector) I'm now not exactly sure that this is real. But it
does seem from reading the books that there is a pattern-sensitive
phase jitter in SQPSK that's not present in plain QPSK, and the
problem gets worse when you tightly filter the signal. So that's why
I've switched from SQPSK to plain QPSK. Simplified the code, too.

Re scramblers, no, I'm not scrambling. Yes, the convolutional coding
and interleaving does a pretty good job. It certainly sounds noiselike
except when I send a big block of zeroes, which come out as a tone.
But the loop can track this fine anyway (remember I'm doing one-shot
symbol timing up front).

Re your discussion of decision-directed carrier recovery, it works
great when the E_s/N_0 is high enough to work without coding. But at the
 E_s/N_0 ratios I'm using with my coding, there are plenty of errors in
the decisions because they're made by simple slicing, without benefit
of any error correction. So many of the phase detector outputs are
wrong (though not most, since the error rate is still less than 50%).
This adds noise to the feedback loop over and above the noise in the
input signal. In the literature this is called "squaring loss"
(although strictly speaking that applies only to BPSK -- in QPSK it
should be called "4th power loss"). Squaring loss is a function of
loop design, E_s/N_0 and of the loop signal-to-noise ratio.

Squaring loss forces you to use a much narrower loop filter than you'd
otherwise use in order to maintain an acceptably high S/N ratio within
the loop. That means you get pretty sensitive to doppler.

Another good illustration of how trying to conserve bandwidth (e.g.,
by using QPSK instead of BPSK in the first place) often ends up
forcing you to use more power per bit even when it shouldn't -- ideal
QPSK and BPSK (with perfect carrier recovery) have exactly the same
 E_b/N_0 requirements. I'm still having a hard time getting to within 1
dB of the theoretical code performance in my QPSK modem.

Phil

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For what its worth, I found the article I was looking for (Radio Electronics, October 1991). The author used a C program to generate the data for the EPROM feeding into the DAC. His source code is shown below. I also attached a sample output file to this note. The EPROM is a standard 2716. Of course, the code can be modified to suit your needs.

I intend to use this to produce a LUT (Look Up Table) inside a Xilinx FPGA. I want to use the LUT as the basis for a QPSK modulator. If I can feed serial data into the Xilinx, I can then produce I and Q components and use these as inputs into a custom up/down counter. The output of the counter will feed into the LUT. The output of the LUT would then feed into an external DAC. I'm not sure if this can work, but I will anyone who cares about this now what results I came up with.

73s de
Tony, KE4AT0

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/* This program calculates the value of the sine function  
offset so that the 4th and 1st quadrants cause a code  
from 0 to 255. Code is generated to fill a 2048 byte prom  
(2716 or equivalent) for a full circle of 2*pi radians.  
Other size memory may be used by changing the value of  
bytes in the declaration table.  
*/
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#include <stdio.h>  
#include <math.h>
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main ()
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{
double p=0;          /* phase input to sine function */
double S=0;          /* output value of the true sine function */
int s;               /* amplitude truncated to 8 bits */
double sin();        /* true sine function */
double pi=3.141592654;
int addr=0;          /* address of EPROM */
int bytes=2048;      /* size of EPROM in bytes */

printf("          0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8");
printf("    9    A    B    C    D    E    F  \n");
while (addr < bytes)
{
if (addr % 16 == 0)
printf("\n%4x    ", addr);
p = 2.0*pi*( (double) addr)/((double) bytes);
S = 127.5*(1.0 + sin(p - pi/2.0)); /* gives 0 at -90 deg */
s = (int) S;                       /* convert to integer */
if (S - ( (double) s) >= 0.5)      /* rounds if necessary */
s++;
printf("    %2x", s);
addr++;                            /* increment address */
}
return (0);
}

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From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>

To: hfsig@tapr.org

Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1219] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

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Hi Phil,

On Mon, 17 Jun 1996, Phil Karn wrote:

> FYI, more about offset QPSK vs conventional QPSK.

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> It looks as though the advantages of staggered (offset) QPSK are
> outweighed by the disadvantages, so I've switched to straight QPSK.

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> There are two main advantages of offset QPSK: 1) less envelope droop
> when the signal is bandlimited, which turns into less sideband
> regrowth when the signal is nonlinearly amplified, and 2) less
> crosstalk between channels when the carrier phase reference is
> inaccurate.

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> I originally chose SQPSK for reason #2; I don't really care too much
> about #1 since I am going to operate in a power-controlled regime
> where I assume there'll be a fair amount of transmit headroom most of
> the time, hence plenty of linearity. And even if there were sideband
> regrowth it wouldn't be as important a source of interference since
> I'm already operating at very low S/N ratios thanks to power control
> and coding.

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> But it turns out that the crosstalk resistance of SQPSK is largely
> mitigated by greatly increased pattern-sensitive jitter in the carrier
> recovery system. In other words, although SQPSK has increased carrier
> phase jitter tolerance, it inherently increases the jitter of the
> recovered carrier which squanders the improved performance.

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> I couldn't find a precise quantitative formulation for this, but from
> what I saw it looks like any gains SQPSK might have (especially at the
> very low E_s/N_0 s I'm using) are small or even negative. And the last
> straw was that SQPSK is harder to implement than straight QPSK. So
> I've switched to straight QPSK.

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> Phil

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Your initial considerations for using the offset format seems quite valid if one perhaps can overcome the side effects you mention.

About QPSK: The clean compact signal format that I see here is very encouraging. Using raised cosine pulse shaping is a bit of a hassle, but well worth it. I think if one can address the issue of non-linear amplification, that this may not be a bad way to go.

One other thing that I experimented with this weekend was non-coherent detection of DQPSK. After getting it to work, I was quite surprized at how well it worked out. The constellations were tight and text-book style. There is the expected recovery loss (i.e. lower dynamic range) by giving up carrier extraction, however, I am of the opinion that in the end it may work out best for HF especially when used in conjunction with good coding.

The issue about the use of an unmodulated carrier for doppler compensation: One of the first things that I do in my modem is to create an analytic signal, with a frequency shifter stage built into the front end. The frequency shifter is controlled by a doppler extractor algorithm. Doppler estimation is modelled as a second order AR process derived from the special unmodulated carrier after filtering by a narrow-band filter. The frequency estimate is obtained solving two simulataneous equations (Yule-Walker). There are provisions to deal with times when the carrier has faded - pretty much a very heavy damped system similar to what I do with clock extraction.

Good luck with your project.

--Johan

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To: hfsig@tapr.org, Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1218] BTL performance tests

Hi Bob--

In a message dated 96-06-17 06:48:58 EDT, you write:

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--73's de Bob Carlson, n0aot@amsat.org

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Johan,

I think you have me confused with someone else. I didn't write the text below - wish I did though. Its pretty impressive!

73s de
Tony, KE4ATO

P.S. My first name is Robert, but I go by Tony (middle name Anthony) in all of my correspondence.

----- Reply Separator -----
Subject: [HFSIG:1222] Re: BTL performance tests
Author: hfsig@tapr.org at BALT.SMTP
Date: 6/17/96 10:49 AM

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I am not the author of this software project! I don't know how my name got mixed up.

Tony, KE4ATO

----- Reply Separator -----

Subject: [HFSIG:1224] Re: BTL performance tests

Author: hfsig@tapr.org at BALT.SMTP

Date: 6/17/96 1:15 PM

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From: Phil Karn <karn@qualcomm.com>

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To: hfsig@tapr.org

In-reply-to: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960617084032.20926B-100000@ucs.orst.edu> (message from Johan Forrer on Mon, 17 Jun 1996 11:22:58 -0500 (CDT))

Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1223] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

Johan,

Noncoherent schemes have a lot going for them on fading, dispersive

channels. Not only because it's hard to extract a carrier phase that's rapidly changing, but also because the dynamic range of the fading tends to swamp the relatively small E_b/N_0 ratio differences between coherent and noncoherent modulation that are otherwise important on severely power-constrained nonfading AWGN channels.

The three most important things on a fading channel are diversity, diversity and diversity. :-) Diversity can be in time, space or frequency. Coding helps promotes diversity, particularly in time by spreading out the influence of one data bit over many symbols (only some of which may get through). And even QPSK can help by simply creating more slots for those coded symbols in the first place.

Phil

From karn@qualcomm.com Mon Jun 17 22:58:10 1996

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From: Phil Karn <karn@qualcomm.com>

Message-Id: <199606180357.UAA02630@servo.qualcomm.com>

To: hfsig@tapr.org

In-reply-to: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960617084032.20926B-100000@ucs.orst.edu> (message from Johan Forrer on Mon, 17 Jun 1996 11:22:58 -0500 (CDT))

Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1223] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

>One of the first things that I do in my modem is to create an analytic
>signal, with a frequency shifter stage built into the front end. The
>frequency shifter is controlled by a doppler extractor algorithm.

This is exactly my approach also. The frequency shifter is at present set to a fixed value based on the estimated frequency of the carrier burst in the packet preamble. This assumes that any residual error is small compared to the data rate (it is), so it can be tracked out after filtering and downsampling from 8x to 1x the symbol rate. (The downsampling starts once I have obtained one-shot symbol sync from the preamble).

Although all further processing has to be done with complex arithmetic, performance-wise I think I'm still ahead after the downsampling.

Eventually I will probably have to add a doppler chirper to the frequency shifter driven by an orbit tracking routine. This is relatively straightforward given accurate orbital elements, time and station location.

Phil

From forrerj@ucs.orst.edu Mon Jun 17 23:54:01 1996
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Date: Mon, 17 Jun 1996 21:54:58 -0800
To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1225] Re: BTL performance tests

At 02:21 PM 6/17/96 -0500, you wrote:

> Johan,
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> I think you have me confused with someone else. I didn't write the
> text below - wish I did though. Its pretty impressive!
>
> 73s de
> Tony, KE4AT0
>
> P.S. My first name is Robert, but I go by Tony (middle name Anthony)
> in all of my correspondence.
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Strange things do happen :-)

My reply was directed at Robert (Rob) Glassey's fine work (please see below)
- somehow we got our lines crossed - no harm done. Still a nice piece of
work Rob.

--Johan

>Hi Robert,
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>Congratulations! - Nice writeup.
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>Is the program generally available yet, or what are your future plans.
>
>Keep up the good work.
>

..... some lines deleted

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>On Mon, 17 Jun 1996 Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com wrote:

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..... some more lines deleted

From Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com Tue Jun 18 04:22:31 1996

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From: Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com

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In-Reply-To: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960617083834.20926A-100000@ucs.orst.edu>

Subject: [HFSIG:1222] Re: BTL performance tests

Sender: Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com

To: hfsig@tapr.org

> Hi Robert,

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> Congratulations! - Nice writeup.

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> Is the program generally available yet, or what are your future plans.

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> Keep up the good work.

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> --Johan

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> > Hi all,

> >

> > Over the weekend I did a few performance tests on my PC-

> > Sound Blaster based DSP RTTY modem (BTL), and compared it

> > with my PK232MBX. Here's the results. Any comments welcome.

Thanks, Its still on beta test, with V0.2beta out very soon (I hope)

- Sorry to those testers still waiting for the next version, unfortunately my weekend projects don't always get the time they deserve.

The release version 1.0, should be ready in a couple of weeks. This version receives standard baudot only, with variable baud, shift and centre frequency, plus a few other features.

My next release (could be 6 months away) will have TX, and a wide shift mode for commercial news services etc. I hope to include AMTOR FEC and ARQ modes as well. Plus any improvements in performance I can find,

probably a bit-synchronous demod mode (for standard 7.5 bit baudot), and maybe an improved tuning indicator, auto tuning, and mode/baud detection.

This was my intention from the start for a first release, but things have taken a while, and I think people want it as it is right now.

Ultimately I would like to use BTL as a platform for more complex modes such as PACTOR II or Clover II or other multicarrier modes that may be developed through HFSIG. I'm also keen to implement very low SNR modes, such as DBPSK with heaps of ECC using a type II hybrid ARQ protocol.

I intend to release up to version 2 as public domain freeware.

Cheers,

Rob Glassey, G0VTQ

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X-Mailer: Novell GroupWise 4.1
Date: Tue, 18 Jun 1996 11:26:45 +0200
From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject: Well, the standard Intel programmer's references are pretty

good. They tell you all you really need

Well, the standard Intel programmer's references are pretty good. They tell you all you really need to know to optimize DSP code on the Pentium, such as instruction clock counts and considerations on how to keep the pipelines full.

Phil

I see. Thanks. 73 danie

From Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com Tue Jun 18 05:38:14 1996
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In-Reply-To: <960617140256_558017278@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Subject: [HFSIG:1224] Re: BTL performance tests

Sender: Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com

To: hfsig@tapr.org

> Hi Bob--

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> In a message dated 96-06-17 06:48:58 EDT, you write:

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> >Hi all,

> >

> >Over the weekend I did a few performance tests on my PC-

> >Sound Blaster based DSP RTTY modem (BTL), and compared it

> >with my PK232MBX. Here's the results. Any comments welcome.

> >

> >

>

> Very interesting weekend project you had there! I am not familiar

> with the BTL software you mentioned. Who is the author, and where is

> it available? Can the hardware interrupt and io address of the sound

> card be changed so that it can be run on a notebook computer that has

> a "Sound Blaster compatible" chip?

>

> I have a Motorola DSP56002EVM board, and would like to run similar

> tests...

>

> --73's de Bob Carlson, n0aot@amsat.org

Hi Bob,

BTL is not on general release yet, but soon will be. BTL is my 'baby' and has taken me since around August last year to write (very slowly since its a weekend project). When released, I hope to get it onto an FTP site somewhere, maybe the TAPR site? This version is FREE!

Soundblaster parameters are user configurable, and it accepts the standard sound blaster environment variable BLASTER=....

It should work on any soundblaster compatible from the original v1.0 to the latest AWE32.

It should run on your notebook if its fast enough. To date, the slowest machine I've tried is a 486sx25 and that works fine. If speed is a problem I may release a cut down 1.5 version which should run faster.

The tests were done with a C program that generated test signals plus noise that I used as my signal generator for the tests.

The test signal was played on the SB for the PK 232, and taken directly from disk, in real time, for the BTL tests, by substituting the soundblaster DMA for a double buffered disk routine.

I also have a DAT recorder that I have used in the past for testing. I'll have to repeat these BTL tests using recorded signals.

Cheers,

Rob, GOVTQ

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Date: Wed, 19 Jun 1996 15:46:16 +0200
From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject:

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Bob how well does the DAT recorder work and is it not too expensive ? I also have a need for soemthing like that.
It is difficult with the sat signals as they pass very quickly...no time to recompile and download hi :-)

danie zs6awk

From Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com Wed Jun 19 10:34:23 1996
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Subject: [HFSIG:1233]
Sender: Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com
To: hfsig@tapr.org

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> time to recompile and download hi :-)
>
> danie zs6awk

Hi Danie,

They work very well, even preserve timing on amtor/pactor. They are a little pricy, mine cost around \$650 US, but it is a walkman model, (Sony TCD-D7). A hi-fi component style version should be cheaper. I find the walkman handy for taking a known test signal from one PC to another for testing on different sound cards etc. They are also usefull for recording a live QSO then replaying it over and over while modifying the program to test with a known signal. They are also available second hand occasionally, but beware of older models, reliability was a problem with them, and they're probably on their last legs now if they haven't already died.

If you have a sound blaster your best bet (and cheapest) would be to record the satilite on disk the play it back to the DSP. 10 minutes will take about 5MB. You may need make your DSP code more independent of the PC (buffer output etc) or get another PC!

Its actually quite simple to write a C program to play the sound file and act as a dumb terminal at the same time.

73's

Rob,

G0VTQ

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Date: Wed, 19 Jun 1996 09:18:12 -0800

To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1228] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

Phil,

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>Although all further processing has to be done with complex
>arithmetic, performance-wise I think I'm still ahead after the
>downsampling.
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>frequency shifter driven by an orbit tracking routine. This is
>relatively straightforward given accurate orbital elements, time and
>station location.

Sounds quite involved - fortunate that you have such a nice closed-form prediction method. I was wondering; are there any residual effects to deal with due to spin motion of the satellite? some higher than doppler phasing effects or does the circular polarized antennas take care of it?

Re: Doppler tracking on HF:

I'm looking into following reasonably fast-changing doppler effects, i.e., a fraction of a symbol time. The method that I'm interested in for estimating doppler comes from LPC methodology and the ideas are well developed - extracting pitch, or in other words specifying a filter from the signal. I'm not sure how well it will work for what I am doing, but I'm willing to give it a chance.

Anyway, the modem will have to go on the back burner for a while - something else has come up that needs to be done.

--Johan

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Date: Wed, 19 Jun 1996 09:18:16 -0800
To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1230] Re: BTL performance tests

Hi Rob,

>Ultimatly I would like to use BTL as a platform for more complex modes
>such as PACTOR II or Clover II or other multicarrier modes that may be
>developed through HFSIG. I'm also keen to implement very low SNR modes,
>such as DBPSK with heaps of ECC using a type II hybrid ARQ protocol.
>
>I intend to release up to version 2 as public domain freeware.
>
>
>Cheers,
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>Rob Glassey, G0VTQ
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Excellent!

Would you consider uploading a program version to HFSIG? If you do, also please provide a ".txt" version for the folks that browse the files with their web browser.

Keep us posted on your progress - sounds like good stuff.

--Johan

From karn@qualcomm.com Wed Jun 19 18:27:25 1996
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From: Phil Karn <karn@qualcomm.com>
Message-Id: <199606192326.QAA23790@servo.qualcomm.com>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1235] Re: Further thoughts on pulse shaping for HF

>Sounds quite involved - fortunate that you have such a nice closed-form
>prediction method. I was wondering; are there any residual effects to deal
>with due to spin motion of the satellite? some higher than doppler phasing
>effects or does the circular polarized antennas take care of it?

As a matter of fact, yes. James Miller has pointed out that the S-band antenna on A0-13 is not mounted along the center of mass, so if the antennas are not lined up on earth the antenna moves to and fro along the line of sight as the spacecraft spins. This introduces a sinusoidal doppler shift on the order of 5 Hz, which is significant to me.

Of course, this may be somewhat academic as I probably won't get this stuff on mode S before A0-13 burns up, and P3D is 3-axis stabilized.

Phil

From BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA Thu Jun 20 06:29:12 1996
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Date: Thu, 20 Jun 1996 13:28:28 +0200
From: Danie Brynard <BRYD@KIDD.CO.ZA>
To: hfsig@tapr.org
Subject:

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I see. Yes I do have another PC. BTW what is the bandwidth of the DAT tape ? I suppose it has now phase distortion ie wow & flutter ?

danie

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1238]

To: hfsig@tapr.org
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I'm curious, what would this C program look like?

73s de
Tony, KE4AT0

----- Reply Separator -----

Subject: [HFSIG:1238]
Author: hfsig@tapr.org at BALT.SMTP
Date: 6/20/96 6:36 AM

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Sender: Robert.Glassey@nmp.nokia.com
To: hfsig@tapr.org, LANIER.R.A-@smtpgty.bwi.wec.com

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> I'm curious, what would this C program look like?
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> 73s de
> Tony, KE4AT0

There's libraries available on simtel for the SB stuff. It would look something like this:

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main()
{

soundblaster_reset(); /* also checks for card */

buffer_mem=faralloc(128*1024); /* 64 k buffer when page aligned */

buffer=[page alignment of buffer_mem pointer ie to get XX00:0000]
/* this is so the DMA doesn't cross a 64K page boundry */

[setup interrupt on SB IRQ]

[set DMA parameters - port commands]

[set sound blaster sample rate -port commands]

file=fopen("sat_rec","rb");

[read 32k from file into buffer]

[start SB playing in auto init mode]

quit=0;
buffer_flag=0;
while(!quit)
{
/* double buffered disk read for SB */
dma=[read DMA pointer]
if (dma > 16384) && (buffer_flag==0)
{
/* if was lo and now playing hi half, load new low half*/
[read next 16k to low half of buffer]; buffer_flag=1;
}
if (dma < 16384) && (buffer_flag==1)
{
/* if was hi and now playing lo half, load new high half*/
[read next 16k to high half of buffer]; buffer_flag=0;
}

/* very dumb terminal */
if(kbhit())
{
```

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    ch=getch();
    if(ch==27) quit=1; /* esc quits */
    [ output ch to com port ]
}
[if char available at com port] putc(ch);
}

stop_sb();
remove_sb_interrupt();
fclose(file)
free(buffer_mem)
}

sb_interrupt()
{
[acknowledge SB interrupt - sb port commands]
out 20h,20h
}

```

I'm bound to have forgotten something, and have brushed over many things but this is roughly how it would look. There's lots of other error and end of file stuff as well.

To record the sample there's a few simple but good programs on simtel which will do the trick nicely. Actually there might even be a background TSR program that will play the soundfile in the background so

you can just run your normal terminal program. Or maybe use a standard windows player and terminal, that might be even easier!

Cheers,

Rob

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: zs6awk@global.co.za (Danie Brynard)
Subject: info on C31 DSK ?

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Does anybody have more info on the new TI TMS320C31 DSK ? Like amount of RAM and release date ? How good is the debugger ie compared to say 56002 OnCE ?

danie zs6awk

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
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> Thanks for the code Rob, I appreciate it. Can this code be
> compiled under Linux using GCC+?
>
> Tony, KE4AT0

Of course its only pseduo code, but it is intended for a PC under DOS. Under Linux, you'd be better off using the sound card drivers that already exist for Linux. Sorry I don't know very much about these, only that they exist.

PS. I've just notices an error in my pseudo code, I allocated a 64 buffer then only used 32K of it (16K for each half of the bouble buffer) You only really needed to allocate 32K thus:

```
buffer_mem=faralloc(64*1024l); /* 32 k buffer when page aligned */  
  
buffer=[page alignment of buffer_mem pointer ie to get XX00:0000]  
/* this is so the DMA doesn't cross a 64K page boundry */
```

This defines a page aligned 32K buffer in an alocated block of 64K.

It would have worked before, it just allocated twice as much memory as required.

Cheers,

Rob

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Date: Thu, 27 Jun 1996 09:32:28 -0800
To: HFSIG@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Question on orthogonal tone spacing

Hi folks,

HFSIG been quiet lately?

I have a question that I would appreciate some insight - I'm a bit confused.

My multi-channel modulation scheme uses four parallel tones, each modulated at a rate of 75 symbols per second (bauds). If I understood our earlier discussion, each tone should fit into a $2 \times 75 = 150$ Hz slot. Why does this not follow the orthogonal $1/T$ rule for orthogonal spacing, that would put tones at 75 Hz spacing, not 150 as above?

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So - what am I missing ?

-----FYI-----
A little more of where this is heading: four 75 baud tones with DQPSK modulation gives 600 bps. Various forms of diversity is possible. The highest form of diversity is when each channel carries the same information in DBPSK, in which case the rate is only 75 bps, but at four times diversity.

It would be possible to do what the Pactor-II folks do and up the DQPSK (4-DPSK) to 8-DQPSK that would essentially yield 1200 bps. Again, it is possible to use various forms of diversity. For example, using 8-DQPSK, and a factor of two diversity, would yield 600 bps.

The idea is to use an interleaved convolutional code, something along the lines that Phil have been working on. The waveform is 600 Hz wide at the -50 dB level, and could possibly be squeezed be into the 500 Hz constraint. However, I do not recommend folks getting ideas of using narrow crystal

filters - severe phase distortion at the filter edges.

If time allows, I hope to do a show and tell demo of the project at the HFSIG meeting during the upcoming DCC (September 20-22, Seattle).

I sincerely hope that this effort will lead to a future open-architecture HF-digital protocol. All specifications will be freely available for those to implement it. Commercial implementations would be encouraged and I would be happy to offer consulting services if anyone is interested. HFSIG is there to encourage development and exchange ideas.

--Johan, KC7WW

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Date: Thu, 27 Jun 1996 11:57:49 -0800
To: HFSIG@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Help communicate/translate in Italian

Hi,

Is there a kind soul out there that can help us communicate with a very keen and interested Italian gentleman?

I have been contacted several times by this keen individual, and although I can help myself in several languages, Italian unfortunately is not one of them - I hate to dissappoint, but I need a bit more than a few hand-waving gestures explaining how to get started using a DSP modem.

The gentleman is located in Milan. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks a lot.

--Johan

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
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Barry

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To: hfsig@tapr.org
From: Johan Forrer <forrerj@ucs.orst.edu>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1245] Re: Question on orthoganal tone spacing

Hi Barry,

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Thanks for the response - you make a good point. It may well be an implementation issue as there are many factors involved.

So ... I did a bit of research to understand things a bit better:

I created a signal like the MIL-STD-188 16-tone.
The way that this is done is to modulate all the carriers, sum them in one signal and then time-domain filter the ensamble using a pulse shape that has

a "rounded" edges. The edges of this pulse shape are made up of 1/2 Hamming rolloff cones that has a duration, the length of the guard zone (2.12 ms). The main portion of the pulse top then is at unity.

The resultant signal audibly sounds reasonable, none of those ugly clicking noises, a kind of a warbling-buzzing sound. My spectrum analyzer showed the carriers are contained as expected and the noise floor is some 30-40 dB down from the tone carriers.

Result: yes, indeed, the demodulator demodulates the individual signals OK, but the recovered constellations are *not* as clean as what I would like to see. Maybe some more implementation issues that may make some improvement?

I compared this to my individually-RC pulse-shaped signal waveform. Note that here I use $2 \times T$ channel spacing, which is just slightly more than the MIL-STD-188 tone spacing (450 vs 440 Hz). I noted significant differences; The dynamic range between constellation points are at least an order of magnitude better, and the spurious levels in the spectrum are at least twice as low.

Thus I suspect that the RC pulse shaping has brought about a cleaner emission and also improved the eye opening substantially. I would be as brave as to say that I have high hopes that the scheme may be usable at 8-DQPSK.

OK so where does this leave us with the issue of orthogonality?

I do suspect that it may be practically impossible to achieve that, i.e., having that accuracy between the tone set. It seems to take only a very small error to destroy the orthogonality to the point where it becomes nearly useless. This may be why the MIL-STD-188 set also does not use the $1/T$ spacing?. From your description above, the effective space the tones is 110 Hz spacing (based on the 9.09 ms pulse). So we are already removed from the $1/T$ orthogonal spacing.

Long story, thanks for your patience, but thought it was worth looking into.

73's

--Johan

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Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1246] Re: Question on orthogonal tone spacing

Reply-To: karn@qualcomm.com

>OK so where does this leave us with the issue of orthogonality?

Johan,

I'm out of town so I don't have access to my textbooks, but I *think* the issue is whether you're using coherent or noncoherent detection. With a coherent carrier reference at the receiver, you can use carrier spacing twice as dense as with noncoherent detection.

Since you are using DQPSK, I assume you're doing noncoherent detection. That could explain your need for greater tone spacing.

Phil

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Message-Id: <199606291634.QAA02843@lynx.ve3jf.ampr.org>
Subject: Re: [HFSIG:1247] Re: Question on orthoganal tone spacing
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> Phil

This is true, but with coherent detection you can achieve a minimum orthogonal carrier spacing of $1/(2T)$. With noncoherent detection, the minimum spacing is $1/T$ as previously stated. A good example of a practical system using $1/T$ carrier spacing and noncoherent detection (DQPSK) is the Eureka 147 Digital Audio Broadcast system. For Mode 2 DAB, which we use here in Canada at L Band, the parameters are:

Transmitted symbol length $T = 312.5$ us, composed of:

$T_g = 62.5$ us (guard interval)

$T_s = 250$ us (symbol length in the demodulator)

Carrier spacing = $1/T_s = 4$ KHz

There are 384 carriers, producing an overall bandwidth of 1.536 MHz.

I suspect that Johan's modem may not be performing well with $1/T$ carrier spacing because he is using windowing which destroys the orthogonality. Have you tried using rectangular windowing, Johan? And, of course, if you implement a guard time to avoid ISI, you must adjust the carrier spacing so that the orthogonality is maintained in the demodulator (spacing of $1/T_s$ rather than $1/T$).

Barry

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